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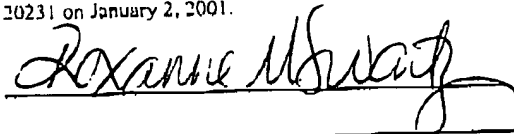
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For: Novel Substituted Benzimidazole Dosage)  
Forms And Method Of Using Same )

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Washington, D.C. 20231**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This response is submitted to supplement Applicant's previous response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2000, and in response to the Examiner's recent request to elect a single disclosed species of proton pump inhibitor.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement that one PPI be elected for the reasons stated in Applicant's response dated September 27, 2000. Nevertheless, to advance prosecution, applicant provisionally elects omeprazole, with traverse.

As to the Examiner's question about the "provisos" in claim 1 and claim 7, the Examiner's attention is directed to the references discussed on pages 17-22 of the present specification.